

**REMARKS**

In response to the March 29, 2006 Restriction Requirement, applicants elected, with traverse, Group VII -- claims 19, 29, 30, 32, 33, 34, 35 and 38-41. In response to the species election requirement, applicants elected, with traverse, SEQ ID NO: 171. *See* claim 1(a). This DNA also has the nucleic acid sequence wherein position 95 of the MRP-1 gene (Accession No: AF022831) has a T to C change. *See* claim 1(c) and 1(d). This is a silent mutation. Therefore, the encoded amino acid sequence is that of MRP-1.

Consistent with these elections, applicants amended claims 29, 32, 33, 34, 35, 38, 39, 40 and 41 and withdrew the remaining claims.

In the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, the Examiner has indicated that claim 19 should have been amended, not withdrawn. Applicants agree and apologize for the error.

Thus, in this response, applicants have reinstated claim 19 and amended it to be consistent with the species election of SEQ ID NO: 171. Applicants have also amended previously amended claim 29 to correct an inadvertent amendment error.

Applicants request that the Examiner consider amended claim 19 and the remaining claims substantively and allow those claims.

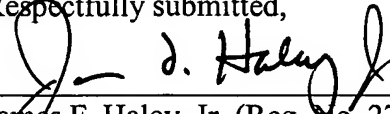
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Should the Examiner feel that a telephone conference with applicants' representative would assist the Examiner, she is invited to telephone the undersigned at any time.

Respectfully submitted,



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